

B-3101 - B-3109
801-835 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private and semi-public access

1822/1835-1855

The four large three story high, three bay wide brick commercial/residential buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices extending from 801 to 807 Light St. represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original three story, gable-roofed houses that were built at this location in the 1840's. All of the buildings currently have modern first floor storefront areas, though 803-807 Light St. are now vacant and awaiting renovation. The Romanesque Revival style church building at 811 Light St. was built in the early 1850's for the local Presbyterian congregation and still serves as the Light St. Presbyterian church. The original brick facade has been covered with formstone but the brickwork can still be seen along both sides of the nave. 819 Light St., currently a three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice and first floor storefront area, was built in 1822 by Charles Reeder, the owner of a steam engine manufactory located at the foot of Federal Hill. The house as Reeder built it for his own use was a two and a half story Federal style house much like its neighbors at 821-823 Light St., built somewhat later by Reeder for his children. A row of three story, two bay wide brick houses extends from 825-833 Light St. All originally had gable roofs, as 829-833 Light St. still do, but 825-827 Light St. have been remodeled with the front section of the roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a bracketed cornice added. All of the first floor door and window openings of this group of houses, built in 1845-1850, have round arched lintels, a fairly uncommon feature in the area. The three story, three bay wide brick house at 835 Light St. also originally had a gable roof, but has since been remodeled with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

803-805 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED(residence)
☒ UNOCCUPIED(storefront)
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story brick buildings with shed roofs represent enlargements of the original gable roofed structures that occupied this site. The first floors of each have been converted into storefronts and the facade of 803 Light St. has been re-faced with new brickwork.

The buildings are three stories in height, three bays (18') wide, and occupy lots 60' deep. Each building has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension joining the main structure to a two story high, three bay deep rear addition. The buildings are constructed in running bond, but the facade of 803 and the cornice area of 805 have been re-faced with new brickwork. Each house has a rear end chimney at the eastern end of the addition. The shed roof is capped by a decorative brick cornice of rows of stretchers placed alternately above a lower strip of headers. Beneath this cornice there are four recessed panels.

The window openings of 803 Light St. have vertical stretcher lintels and header sills, part of the new brick facade. The window openings of 805 Light St. have the original segmentally arched brick lintels, with the upper panes of glass curved to fit the arch, on the second floor, and splayed brick lintels on the third floor. The sills are wood. The window openings of 805 are filled with 2/2 sash. The second floor window openings of 803 Light are filled with unusual 3/3 sash; those of the third floor are filled with 1/1 sash.

The first floors of both buildings have been converted into storefronts, but the second and third floors served as residences, with their own separate doorway. At 803 Light St. this doorway is located in the northernmost bay and consists of a late Victorian glass and panel door set beneath a single light transom. The storefront section has an identical door set beneath a single light transom, flanked by a store window consisting of a single large panel of plate glass set under a three-light transom area and supported by a concrete dado with two recessed panels like that on the cornice area above. The storefront of 805 Light St. is older and consists of a late Victorian, double glass and panel door set beneath a single light transom bordered by a row of quarter-round moldings, flanked by two, three-sided projecting shop windows set on vertically paneled wooden dados. The shop windows consist of 1/1 panes of glass bordered by simple molding strips, and support a cornice area with a plain deep frieze which runs continuously across the shop-front. The door to the residence is set in the southernmost bay, where the cornice is supported by a single carved bracket. The late Victorian panel door is set beneath a single light transom. The buildings sit on low basements, each entrance being reached by a single stone step.

The buildings have a single deep front room on each floor, with rear window overlooking the alleyway. The stairs rise in short, straight flights, in the stair hall extension set just beyond the main structure. In the addition beyond, there are two rooms on each floor--a dining room and kitchen on the first floor and bedrooms and/or baths above.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES orig. 1841/enl.c. 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Donovan (original)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 801 Light St.

These particular houses were probably not converted into store-fronts until the 1885 remodeling. The houses seem to have been built for the growing middle-class market for housing in the Federal Hill area, which fact would account for their three bay width, and generally large size. An early owner of 805 Light St., a Marcus Dudley, was one of the proprietors of the Marine Observatory on Federal Hill. An early owner of 803 Light St. was Michael Dundon, a tobacconist and the local U.S. tobacco inspector.¹ Both owners certainly represent a more well-to-do class of resident than is usually found in the smaller size houses in the area.

These buildings are currently being renovated and converted into a restaurant and "Charcuterie" amidst much local opposition.

¹ Baltimore City Directory, 1864, 1865, 1872

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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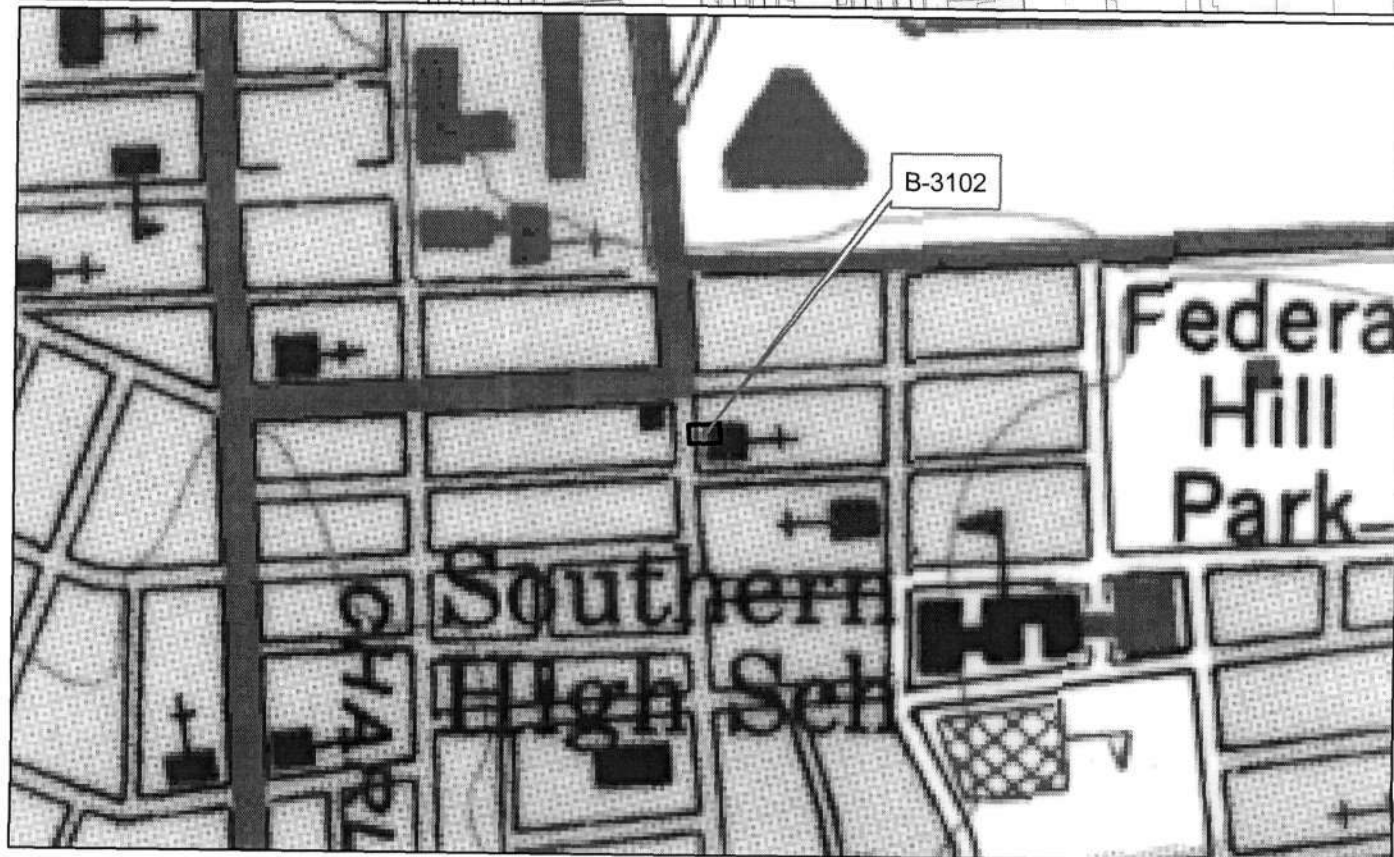


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803-805 Light Street
Block 0906 Lots 028-029
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3102 803-805 Light St.

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West elevation